

JAMES W. ELLSWORTH & CO.
CHICAGO.

Dec. 7th, 1892.

My Dear Colonel:

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Shepard's requisition should not be shipped until a shipment was simultaneously made to us here at Chicago.

I explain this that you may understand the matter when it comes before you. I was anxious that we should have the coin here at the same time they were put on the market in other cities.

Believe me,

Very Respectfully Yours,

James W. Ellsworth

Colonel O. C. Bosbyshell, Sup't.

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Recd J.W.E.

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